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SUBCOMMITTEE ON SHIPBUILDING
OF THE ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

Washington, D.C.
 19 September 1960

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We are very pleased that you will represent [redacted] at the [redacted] to be held in Washington, D.C., 31 October and 1 and 2 November 1960. This letter is written to facilitate the proceedings of the conference and to suggest an area for discussion that should be of interest to the conference. Any expansion of this area that you should care to make will be most welcome.

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Transmitted with this letter is a copy of the agenda for [redacted] conference and a copy of the Tentative Estimate of Production of Naval and Merchant Vessels in the USSR, 1958, 1959, and 1960.

According to the agenda you are to lead the discussion on maritime shipbuilding in the USSR and on all types of merchant shipbuilding in western countries for the Kloc, for the years 1959 and 1960. It is suggested that the scope of your presentation include the major characteristics (length, beam, and deadweight), and the horsepower, type, and manufacturer of the main propulsion engines of each individual class of vessel. It would be of interest to give the name of the shipyard building the vessel, the year in which the first vessel of the class was completed, estimated number completed in 1959 and 1960, and the estimated total number to be completed by the end of 1960. It would also be of interest for vessels constructed in the USSR to discuss the current amount of time required to build a vessel of each class, any advanced techniques that were used in the construction and any unusual problems encountered. For both USSR and western construction for the Kloc, an evaluation of trends in the design and construction of the types of merchant vessels under your review together with a review of pending negotiations for ship construction between Kloc and western countries would be of considerable interest. As you will be [redacted] on all other items on the agenda, your comments will be solicited during the conference. 25X1X7

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In order to facilitate the recording of conference minutes it is requested that you have the conference secretary at the beginning of your presentation a typed copy, double spaced, of your report. The secretary then will add to your report pertinent comments made by other delegates during the conference.

The Tentative Estimate of Soviet Ship Production, transmitted herewith, is based on intelligence available up to 1 August. This estimate is subject to revision by later intelligence and the conclusions of both [redacted] and [redacted]. It is sent to you for your information, and your comments will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary
Shipbuilding Subcommittee
Naval Intelligence Committee

2 Enclosures:

- 1 - Agenda for [redacted]
- 2 - Tentative Estimate of Production of Soviet and Merchant Vessels in 1958, 1959, and 1960. [redacted]
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